



17 suspects processed at 'ladies night' in court

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GENESEE COUNTY - A Grand Blanc Township officer posed as a pizza deliverer and picked up four people wanted on outstanding warrants; others were arrested in the more conventional ways.

But all in all, 17 people were brought in on 27 warrants to Genesee County District Court's "night court" session last week.

Flushing District Judge David Goggins and Mt. Morris District Judge Larry Stecco-worked the night court together at the Flushing court from 3-9 p.m. Thursday, part of an ongoing effort by the district courts to bring in thousands of dollars in unpaid fines and court costs

District Court Administrator Dena Altheide said 10 females and seven males were arrested, with the women responsible for 14 of the warrants and men for 13.

"You could say it was ladies night at the Flushing court," she joked.

Eight of those arrested were taken to the county jail, but the others bonded out or paid their fines and costs, she said.

While the court officials have declined to give a specific schedule of the night courts, which allow police to conduct warrant sweeps to scoop up people who owe money to the county, they warn that the effort will periodically continue and encourage those who owe fines to take care of them before police arrest them.

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